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CONFIDENTIAL**REPORT****COUNTRY** USSR (Yakutskaya ASSR)**DATE DISTR.** 22 Dec 1954**SUBJECT** Projected Construction of an Explosive
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1. Amuroyakutskaya Magistral, one of the principal roads in the Yakutsk Autonomous Republic. It had a dirt surface, was six meters wide with ditches 0.5 m. deep on both sides. Described as very rough, with very difficult passage during spring; in the winter, snow drifts occurred. Trucks had to wait for snow plows to clear the road. This road led south to Bol'shoy Never (N 53-59, E 124-10).
2. Aldan (N 58-37, E 125-24), a town with approximately 8,000 to 9,000 inhabitants, most of whom were employed in the gold mining industry. All houses were built of wood and the street surfaces were dirt. There was no underground sewage system. A small militia force kept order in this town. Many of the inhabitants were paroled forced laborers who were resettled here. These people were issued no passports, only temporary passes. Documents were sometimes checked in the streets by members of the MVD troops. No house-to-house checks occurred.
3. Construction site of the explosives dump. For details, refer to site layout on page 4.

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Site Layout

2. Reference is made to page 4, [] sketch of the explosives dump construction site near Aldan. 25X1
1. The explosives dump area's approximate boundary is indicated by the broken line. [] the size to be two by two kilometers. The ground was sampled at 8-10 different points and was found to be excellent for construction purposes. [] storage chambers were to be constructed underground; number and dispersion unknown. 25X1
 2. Electrical substation area measured 500 x 500 m. No further information.
 3. A road which was to link the explosives dump with the Amuroyakutskaya Magistral.(Point 1, page 4.) Its distance was approximately six kilometers. Projected width and surface are unknown.
 4. The guard house area which was approximately 200 x 200 m. No further information.

General Information

3. The construction site was located 18 to 20 km. south of Aldan. Only surveying work was done in August 1953. [] 25X1
[] the actual construction was to begin in the early part of 1954. [] this was to become the main explosives dump for the Aldan area and that explosives stored here would be used for mining purposes only. [] the construction of a new explosives dump was requested and sponsored by the Yakutzolot Trust located in Aldan. The labor force consisted of 30 persons, seven of whom were surveying specialists including two women; the specialists were sent from Aldan. All were very young (born in 1930-31) and seemed competent, with the exception of the two girls who lacked experience. The work was accomplished in one 10-hour shift a day. All members of this surveying team lived nearby in tents. 25X1

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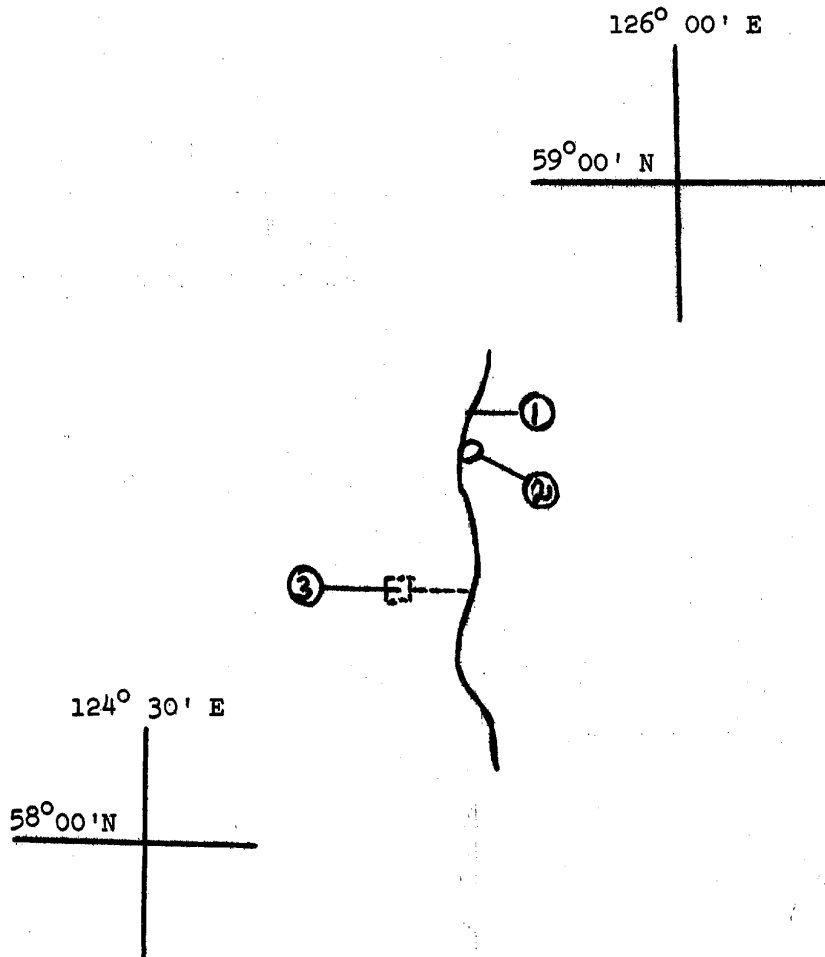
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Timpton River,
Scale 1:1,000,000 pinpointing the
explosion dump construction site.



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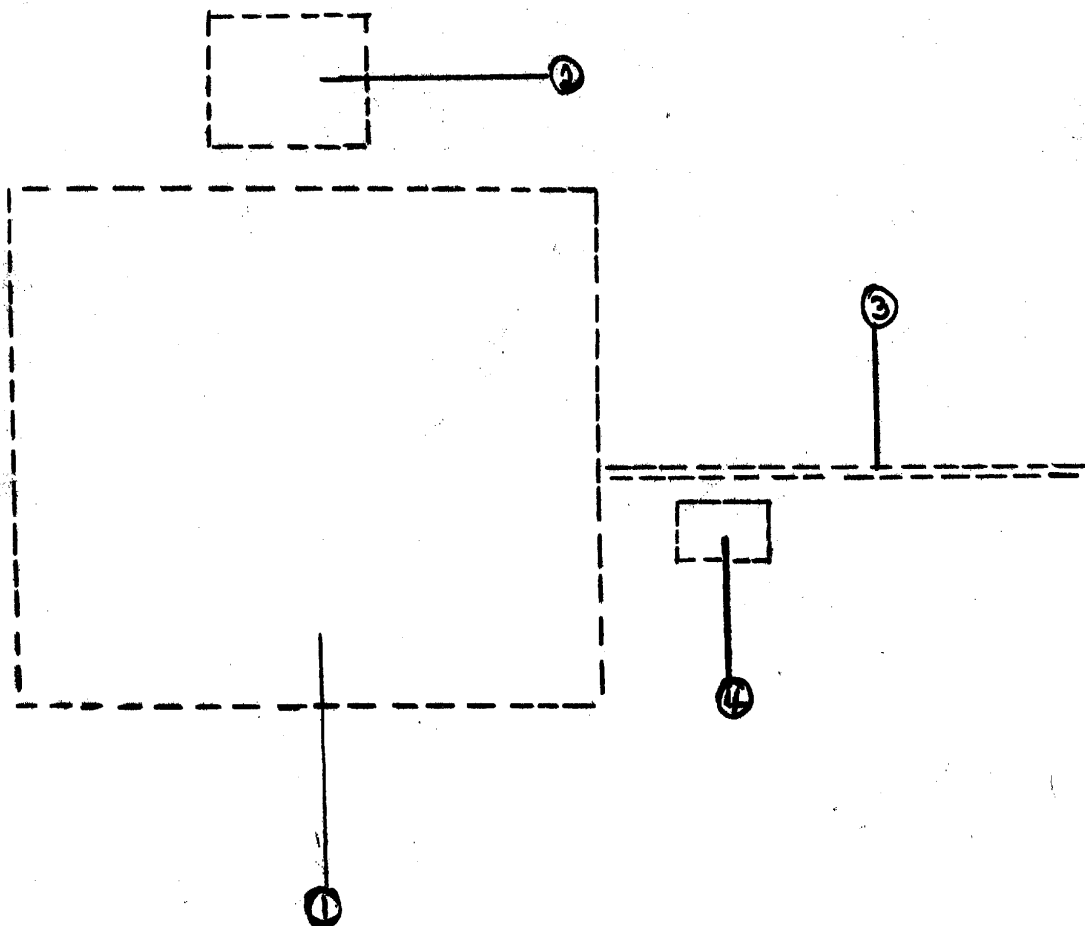
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Sketch of the
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